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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented to boost agricultural production in the country;

(b) whether these schemes have been reviewed;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) the value of imports and exports of agricultural products during the last three years alongwith product-wise details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has made efforts to impose a ban on import of agricultural products; and

(f) if so, the extent of success achieved therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): A number of schemes are being implemented to boost the agricultural production in the country. The important schemes are macro management, Oilseed production programme, National Pulse Development project, Oilpalm Development Programme, Accelerated maize development programme, Technology Mission on cotton, On farm Management, Technology Mission on Horticulture for North-Eastern region including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttranchal, National Horticulture Board, Technology Mission on Coconut, Agri clinic and Agri business Centre Scheme,Gramin Bhandaran Yojna, Construction of cold storage, Promotion of Integrated Pest Management, National Agricultural Technology Project, Human Resource Development– training support to agriculture, strengthening of agricultural extention services, establishment and maintenance of seed banks and Quality control arrangement on seeds, national project on development and use of biofertiliser, strengthening and promotion of agricultural information systems, National agricultural insurance scheme, Cooperative education and training and cooperative marketing, processing and storage under in cooperatively undeveloped states etc. Macro management scheme has been introduced by merger of 27 schemes. A list of which is enclosed at Annexure.I

(b)&(c): Schemes have been reviewed as part of zero base budgeting exercise. Many schemes have been restructured in order to give more flexibility to the State Govts in the selection and to cover important areas of their priority Macro Management is one such scheme. Other structured schemes relate to production of oilseed, pulses and maize, post harvest technology on oilseed pulses and maize, restructuring of National Seed Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India, integrated nutrient management, strengthening and modernizing of pest management.

(d): The value of imports and exports of agricultural products during the last three years alongwith product-wise details is at Annexure II and III.

(e)&(f): Import of 300 sensitive products including that of important agricultural products is being constantly monitored by the Govt. on regular basis and steps are taken from time to time to ensure that increased imports do not cause adversity to the domestic production. Towards this end Govt. regulates the imports through the use of tariff mechanism.

Annexure-I

List of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

1. Assistance to Cooperatively Weaker Section.

2. Assistance in Women Cooperatives.

3. Non-overdue Cover Scheme.

4. Agri. Credit Stabilisation Fund.

5. Special Scheme for SC/ST.
6. Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping system Area.

7 Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Wheat Based Cropping System Areas.

8. Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas.

9. Special Jute Development Programme
10. Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Areas
11. Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizer
12. Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization among Small Farmers
13. Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid & Temperate Zone Fruits
14. Production and Supply of Vegetable Seeds
15. Development of Commercial Floriculture
16. Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants
17. Development of Roots and Tuber Crops
18. Development of Cocoa and Cashew
19. Integrated Programmed for Development of Spices
20. Development of Mushroom
21. Use of Plastics in Agriculture
22. Bee-keeping
23. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas
24. Schemes for Foundation & Certified Seed Production of Vegetable Crops
25. Soil Conservation in Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers
26. Reclamation and Development of Alkali Soils
27. State Land Use Boards.